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Connecticut State Legislature

Public Safety and Security Committee

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Since I am unable to attend tomorrow's hearing, please accept the following e-mail as my testimony (text revised to correct an error):

**H.B. No. 5643: reciprocal recognition of carry permits.**

The bill would allow an out-of-state resident to carry a firearm in Connecticut as long as the person has a valid permit or license to carry a firearm issued by any state obtaining the same standards required by Connecticut statutes.

As a former certified firearms safety instructor who has taught the course required to obtain a pistol permit in Connecticut, and a holder of concealed carry permits from New Hampshire and Utah, as well as our own state, I **support** this bill and urge its passage.

The honest citizen who attends and passes a firearms safety course and goes through a meticulous state and FBI background check adds to the security of their own state as well as any other they might visit.

Due to the lack of reciprocal recognition by Connecticut of the validity of other state permits, many of those same states have declined to recognize our own firearm carry permits. It appears to be a simple matter of "quid pro quo" - "If our state permits are not good enough for you, then your citizens cannot protect themselves here either." This is unfortunate and unnecessary and does not add to the security of Connecticut citizens.

On a personal note, when I have travelled to other states to attend advanced firearms training courses, adhering to the conflicting details of other states firearms laws without their recognition of a Connecticut carry permit is complicated and adds what would otherwise be unnecessary expenses to the trip: ie an additional \$160.00 in airline baggage fees for separate locked cases for firearms and ammunition to be in complete compliance with the law concerning non-permit holders at the point of landing.

While tourism must take a back seat to safety in the deliberations of this committee, I can say that I will not travel through, let alone to, certain nearby states with draconian firearms laws on their books. It is plausible to assume there are those who currently feel that Connecticut is in that same "don't visit" category.

As such, H.B. No. 5643 adds to the overall safety and well being of the people of Connecticut, and recognizes there are other states which take the same care in issuing a firearms carry permit. This bill is in compliance with the constitutional right of law abiding individuals to be safeguarded by the Second Amendment in whatever state they may live or choose to visit.

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**Please vote for H.B. No. 5643.**

Respectfully submitted in lieu of testimony at the hearing,

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